

ARKANSAS  
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



\* Corn, Sorghum & Rice Harvest

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**RELEASED:** September 9, 2002 3:00 p.m.-Temperatures were above normal for the week with relatively no precipitation over most of the state. According to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service there were 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 13 percent very short, 52 percent short, 35 percent adequate, and no surplus.

**CROPS:** The state’s corn harvest is in full swing. Sorghum, early soybean fields, and rice are being harvested. Most rice fields are being drained and prepared for harvest. Some cotton fields are reported as being defoliated. Most insecticide and fungicide treatments have been terminated. Harvest continues for apples and peaches. Some field preparation has begun for planting of winter wheat.

**LIVESTOCK:** Cattle remain in good condition. Hay harvest continues. Some producers in the western and southern portions of the state are feeding cattle. Pastures continue to be mowed, fertilized, and sprayed with insecticides as armyworm levels continue to be above normal.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM					1	5	27	53	14
Turning Color	97	96	100	96					
Mature	88	75	87	77					
Harvested	52	28	58	47					
CORN					0	2	27	45	26
Mature <sup>2</sup>	99	92	98	100					
Harvested	50	31	75	69					
COTTON					2	4	19	59	16
Opening Bolls	45	23	73	56					
RICE					1	5	26	46	22
Headed	100	99	100	100					
Ripe	65	35	43	39*					
Harvested	23	9	26	21					
SOYBEANS					2	9	26	44	19
Setting Pods	98	96	99	95					
Yellowing	27	20	17	16					
Shedding	19	13	31	15					
Mature	8	--	0	2					
OTHER HAY					1	9	38	45	7
PASTURE					2	13	48	34	3

<sup>2</sup> This is the second year for corn reported in the mature stage.  
\* Rice ripe was not requested in 1999 or 2001; this is a three year average from 1997, 1998, & 2000.

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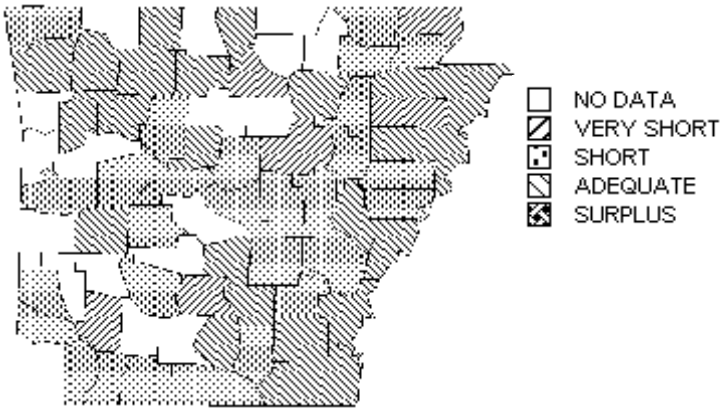
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

September 8, 2002. Temperatures were above normal for the week with relatively no rain over most of the state. Hot Springs recorded the high temperature of 102<sup>o</sup> and Calico Rock had the low temperature of 57<sup>o</sup>. Precipitation ranged from a high of 0.74 inches at Hope to no measurable rainfall at several reporting stations.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: September 8, 2002

DISTRICT  AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEPARTURE  FROM NORMAL	WEEK  ENDING SEP 8	CURRENT  SEP ACCUM.	SEP  NORMAL	JANUARY-AUG	
							2002	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	92	59	4	0.01	0.01	4.83	34.79	29.51
Harrison	94	63	6	0.08	0.08	4.03	38.10	29.08
2 Calico Rock	96	57	4	0.00	0.00	4.08	37.13	29.37
Greers Ferry	96	65	6	0.09	0.09	4.10	37.13	32.15
Mountain Home	97	64	7	0.05	0.05	4.33	40.08	28.51
3 Batesville	94	61	3	0.00	0.00	3.58	30.66	30.45
Jonesboro	94	64	6	0.00	0.00	3.12	28.50	29.90
Keiser	95	61	5	0.00	0.00	3.65	33.97	33.10
Newport	98	65	7	0.00	0.00	3.49	35.45	31.37
4 Booneville	96	70	5	0.00	0.00	4.04	40.79	30.50
Clarksville	96	71	7	0.06	0.06	3.88	42.26	29.53
Dardanelle	97	68	5	0.29	0.29	3.56	33.60	31.18
Ft. Smith	94	70	5	0.00	0.00	3.61	39.50	28.13
Mena	95	66	6	0.52	0.52	5.07	36.61	36.74
Ozark	92	69	4	0.00	0.00	3.70	45.84	28.63
5 Conway	97	66	5	0.00	0.00	3.71	32.49	30.90
Hot Springs	102	66	4	0.06	0.06	4.05	34.50	36.94
Little Rock	95	68	4	0.00	0.00	3.71	31.31	32.53
N Little Rock	96	72	6	0.00	0.00	3.53	28.18	31.58
6 Brinkley	94	66	5	0.00	0.00	3.02	30.33	33.08
Marianna	96	67	5	0.00	0.00	3.16	33.45	35.21
Stuttgart	95	66	5	0.40	0.40	2.86	38.66	38.66
7 Hope	97	67	5	0.74	0.74	4.06	36.24	34.94
Texarkana	99	70	5	0.25	0.25	3.40	27.52	29.94
8 Camden	97	70	5	0.48	0.48	3.60	35.56	34.72
El Dorado	96	68	3	0.05	0.05	3.29	34.73	36.89
Warren	93	69	3	0.30	0.30	3.71	34.01	36.68
9 Eudora	100	70	6	0.10	0.10	2.71	36.26	38.85
Pine Bluff	94	70	4	0.10	0.10	3.20	34.67	34.51
Rohwer	95	68	4	0.00	0.00	2.91	35.59	34.70